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5 LUIS VIDALES,  
6 Petitioner,  
7 v.  
8 JERRY BROWN,  
9 Respondent.

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11 Case No. 15-cv-03518-JST (PR)

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15 **ORDER OF TRANSFER**

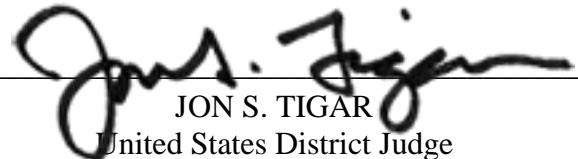
16 Petitioner has filed a form habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Petitioner is being held  
17 in Coalinga State Hospital in Coalinga, California, under California's Sexual Violent Predator Act  
18 ("SVPA"). See Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code 6600, et seq. He is currently awaiting trial to determine  
19 whether he is a Sexually Violent Predator subject to civil commitment under the SVPA.

20 Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of  
21 conviction. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). The petition indicates that the commitment proceedings are in  
22 Merced County, which lies within the venue of the Eastern District of California, and petitioner is  
23 confined in Fresno County, which is also in the Eastern District. See 28 U.S.C. 84(b).  
24 Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b), and in the interests of  
25 justice, this petition is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Eastern District  
26 of California. Ruling on the request to proceed in forma pauperis will be deferred to the Eastern  
27 District.  
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The Clerk shall transfer this matter forthwith.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: August 31, 2015

  
25 JON S. TIGAR  
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27 United States District Judge  
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